

**DISTRICT COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS  
DIVISION OF ST. THOMAS AND ST. JOHN**

<b>UNITED STATES,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>Plaintiff,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>v.</b>	)	<b>Case No. 3:17-cr-0023</b>
	)	
<b>BETEL AUGUSTO ROSARIO PAULINO,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>Defendant.</b>	)	
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**APPEARANCES:**

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**ORDER**

**THIS MATTER** comes before the Court on Defendant Betel Augusto Rosario Paulino's ("Rosario Paulino") motion to amend the pending motion to vacate under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 petition, filed *pro se* at ECF No. 374, and his amended petition under 28 U.S.C. § 2255, filed through counsel, ECF No. 377. For the reasons stated in the accompanying Memorandum Opinion of even date, it is hereby

**ORDERED** that Defendant Rosario Paulino's motion to amend, ECF No. 374, is **GRANTED**; it is further

**ORDERED** that Rosario Paulino's amended petition to vacate sentence under 28 U.S.C. § 2255, ECF No. 377, is **DENIED**; and it is further

**ORDERED** that a certificate of appealability is **DENIED**.

**Dated:** July 15, 2022

/s/ Robert A. Molloy  
**ROBERT A. MOLLOY**  
**Chief Judge**